

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A card holder system for retaining a card with an animal cage, the system comprising:

- a card holder designed and dimensioned to selectively retain the card;
- a retention member adapted for retaining the card holder to the cage; and
- an adapter member designed and dimensioned to be coupled with the card holder;

the card holder being pivotally associated with the adapter member, wherein the adapter member allows the card holder to be selectively positioned ~~in a first~~ at least in a horizontal orientation and at least ~~one alternate~~ a vertical orientation, wherein ~~the at least one alternate orientation comprises the first position~~ the horizontal orientation is rotated substantially ninety-degrees from the vertical orientation.

2. (Original) The card holder system of claim 1, wherein the retention member is adapted to be secured to a side wall of the cage.

3. (Original) The card holder system of claim 1, the card holder having a card removal recess defined in a backplate of the card holder.

4. (Previously Presented) A card holder system for retaining a card with an animal cage, the system comprising:

- a card holder designed and dimensioned to selectively retain the card, the card holder comprising one or more side guides and one or more bottom guides adapted to facilitate the positioning of the card at the card holder;

- a retention member adapted for retaining the card holder to the cage; and

an adapter member designed and dimensioned to be coupled with the card holder such that the card holder is pivotably associated with the adapter member, wherein the adapter member is constructed and arranged to retain the card holder in a first orientation and at least one alternate orientation.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The card holder system of claim 1 ~~claim 5~~, the card holder comprising a securing portion having an aperture defined therein, the retention member having a hook portion, wherein the selective retention of the card holder is facilitated by the interaction of the securing portion and the hook portion.

7. (Original) The card holder of claim 1, wherein the retention member comprises an abutment wall, the abutment wall facilitating the retention of the holder on the retention member when the card holder is bumped by a user.

8. (Original) The card holder system of claim 1, wherein the card holder is formed of a plastic.

9. (Original) The card holder system of claim 8, wherein the card holder is formed of a translucent plastic.

10. (Original) The card holder system of claim 2, wherein the retention member is adapted to be secured via an adhesive.

11. (Original) The card holder system of claim 1, wherein the retention member is integrally formed as a portion of the sidewall of the cage.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A card holder system for retaining a card with an animal cage, the system comprising:

a card holder designed and dimensioned to selectively retain the card;

a retention member adapted for retaining the card holder to the cage; and

an adapter member designed and dimensioned to be coupled with the card holder, the card holder being pivotably associated with the adapter member such that the card holder may be selectively positioned in a first orientation and at least one alternate orientation, wherein the adapter member is adapted to be secured to the card holder via an adhesive.

14. (Previously Presented) The card holder system of claim 1, wherein the adapter member is integrally formed as a portion of the card holder.

15. (Previously Presented) The card holder system of claim 1, the card holder having a slot defined therein, the adapter member including a protrusion, wherein the protrusion is at least partially disposed within the slot when the adapter member is coupled to the card holder.

16. (Previously Presented) A card holder system for retaining a card with an animal cage, the system comprising:

a cage having a filter top and a cage bottom;

a card holder designed and dimensioned to selectively retain the card;

a retention member adapted for retaining the card holder to the cage; and

an adapter member designed and dimensioned to be coupled with the card holder such that the card holder may be selectively positioned in a first orientation and at least one alternate orientation,

wherein the filter top may be removed from the cage bottom without removing the card holder from the retention member.

17. (Currently Amended) A card holder for retaining a card with an animal cage, the card holder being designed for use with a retention member adapted to be secured to the side wall of the cage, the card holder comprising one or more side guides and one or more bottom guides adapted to facilitate the positioning of the card at the card holder to selectively retain the card and to be retained to the animal cage by the retention member; wherein the card holder comprises an adapter member designed and dimensioned to be coupled with the card holder such that the card holder is pivotally associated with the adapter member and the adapter member allows the card holder to be selectively positioned in a first orientation and at least one alternate orientation, wherein the at least one alternate orientation comprises the first position rotated substantially ninety-degrees.

18. (Original) The card holder of claim 17, the card holder having a card removal recess defined in a backplate of the card holder.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The card holder of claim 17, wherein the card holder can be selectively retained in one of a horizontal orientation and a vertical orientation.

21. (Original) The card holder of claim 20, the card holder comprising a securing portion having an aperture defined therein, the retention member including a hook portion, wherein the selective retention of the card holder is facilitated by the interaction of the securing portion and the hook portion.

22. (Original) The card holder of claim 17, wherein the card holder is formed of a plastic.

23. (Original) The card holder system of claim 17, wherein the card holder is formed of a translucent plastic.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The card holder of claim 17, wherein the adapter member is adapted to be secured to the card holder via an adhesive.

26. (Previously Presented) The card holder of claim 17, wherein the adapter member is integrally formed as a portion of the card holder.

27. (Previously Presented) The card holder of claim 17, the card holder having a slot defined therein, the adapter member including a protrusion, wherein the protrusion is at least partially disposed within the slot when the adapter member is coupled to the card holder.

28. (Original) The card holder of claim 17, the cage having a filter top positioned on top of the cage, wherein the filter top may be removed from the cage without removing the card holder from the retention member.

29-30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) The card holder system of claim 1 ~~claim 5~~, wherein at the vertical orientation, the card holder is positioned substantially parallel to the retaining member, and at the horizontal orientation, the card holder is positioned substantially perpendicular to the retaining member.